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For: DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING)	
ELECTRON TEMPERATURE IN AN ECR)	
PLASMA)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. AND FOREIGN REFERENCES

Patent/ Publication No.	Date of Issue/Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Country
5,350,974	09/27/1994	Jacquot
4,717,178	08/14/1981	Geller et al.
FR 2 681 186 A1	03/12/1993	France
FR 2 475 798 A1	02/13/1980	France

OTHER ART

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Yang <i>et al.</i> , "Plasma Sources and Characterizations in the R.F. Test Facility," <i>Surface and Coatings Technology</i> 112 (1999), pp. 52-55.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet) and copies of cited references A3-A14. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), the applicants state as follows:

FR 2 681 186 A1 discloses an electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) ion source. A non-certified English translation of the Abstract is enclosed herewith. Applicants have also cited the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,350,974 B1.

FR 2 475 798 A1 discloses a process for producing highly charged ions. A non-certified English translation of the Abstract is enclosed herewith. Applicants have also cited the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,417,178 B1

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated October 10, 2005 for the corresponding PCT Application No. WO2005/046296 A3.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this

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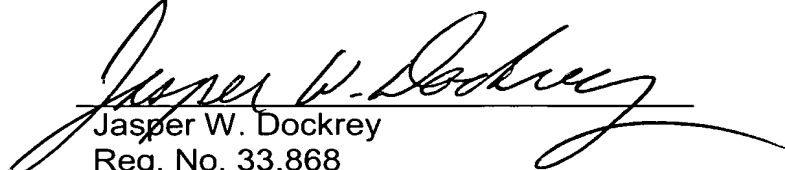
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Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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